

de Havilland DH60X Moth c/n 419 G-EBSO "Dorys"

**This document contains images and further information relating to G-EBSO**

G-EBSO made a number of flights from England to South Africa flown by Richard Reid "Dick" Bentley.

See [Pioneering Spirit](#) on the Johannesburg Light Plane Club website [www.jlpc.co.za](http://www.jlpc.co.za) Pioneering Spirit is the story of Richard Reid "Dick" Bentley and his flight from England to South Africa in de Havilland DH60X Moth G-EBSO (c/n 419). Bentley and the Moth, fitted with a Cirrus Mark II engine, left London on September 1, 1927, and arrived in Cape Town on September 28, 1927 having flown a distance of approximately 7,250 miles, achieving the then record longest solo flight.

Some British Pathé newsreel footage [here](#) entitled To The Cape In A Moth 1927. Lady Bailey christens the "Johannesburg Star" in which Captain Bentley is to attempt a lone flight from London to Cape Town."

M/S Lady Bailey breaks a wine bottle against the aeroplane's propeller watched by a small group of people. She steps back quickly to avoid being splashed. She accepts a bouquet from Captain Bailey. They pose smiling with other guests in front of the plane. Action shot of the Tiger Moth taxiing and taking off from a bumpy field. It turns and flies in front of the camera several times. Filmed at Stag Lane Aerodrome.



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Note word "Johannesburg" in front of the registration, below the cockpit.

This refers to The Star newspaper based in Johannesburg.

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